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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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 - IF NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 and 25-33 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 20-24, 34, 36 and 37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 35 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 January 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 20-22, 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by DiGiovannantonio et al. (US 4,566,658: Ref. on sheet 2 of Information Disclosure Statement).

The patent to DiGiovannantonio et al. discloses an aircraft arrester including a support structure 16a-c, 18a-c in the form of resilient straps, a recovery line 34c able to intercept an incoming aircraft, and a restraining device 34b positioned to movably engage a portion of the aircraft intercepted by recovery line 34c. The restraining device 34b is considered to be soft and resilient. In claim 20, the statement of intended use has not been given weight inasmuch as the DiGiovannantonio et al. arrester could be employed to snag an unmanned aircraft. As to claim 21, element 38a of DiGiovannantonio et al. is deemed to constitute a (short) pipe.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DiGiovanniantonio et al. in view of Myhr et al. (US 3,765,625). While use of a hoisting device is not disclosed with the DiGiovanniantonio et al. arrester, it would have been obvious to employ such a device with the arrester, in view of the patent to Myhr et al. that a hoist permits an aircraft arrester to be returned quickly to a state of operational readiness (see elements 1-3, 17 of Myhr et al.).

Claims 34, 36, 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DiGiovanniantonio et al. in view of Myhr et al. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to retract the DiGiovanniantonio et al. aircraft arrester after it had captured an aircraft, in view of the teaching of Myhr et al. that retraction of the arrester permits it to be restored to operation as quickly as possible (see column 1, lines 6-10, of Myhr et al.).

Claim 35 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the pipe of claim 21 and the soft resilient member of claim 22 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing

should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicants will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because in line 2, "are described" should be deleted. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: On page 32, the appropriate application numbers should be provided to lines 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 17, 21, 24.

Appropriate correction is required.

The patent to Mayhew et al. (US 4,147,317) has been cited to provide an additional example of an RPV arresting device.

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